

New River State Park's U.S. Hwy. 221 Access

Nature Programs	Description	Time	Location
NCNR River Expedition	Show your support for the National Committee for the New River. Canoe a short section of the Expedition. Gentry Bridge back to the Park's Hwy. 221 access. Free use of boats, paddles, life jackets and shuttle. Reservations required by calling NRSP at 336-982-2587.	9 am	VC
River Ramble (Must wear shoes)	Get into the river and find out what lives beneath the riffles. The interesting critters we find show us the New river is healthy.	10 am	PCG
Fishing for Kids	<i>A life time of fun starts with a child's first fish. Join a Ranger to learn the basics. Sign up at the Visitor Center. Space is Limited.</i>	11 am	PCG
Fly Fishing Demo	<i>Join Kelly McCoy (RiverGirl Fishing Co. Todd, NC) for a fly fishing lesson and sample gear illustration. Sign up at the Visitor Center. Space is Limited</i>	12 n	PCG
Nature Walk	Kids explore the new TRACK Trail sponsored in part by "Be Active" and the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. This guided hike allows kids to use provided tools to take a closer look at the outdoors.	11 am	VC
Nature Sing A Long	<i>Children, ages 3-8, will mimic animal behaviors as they dance and sing to popular music with a Ranger.</i>	12 n.	VC
Eastern Box Turtle	North Carolina is Celebrating the Year of the Turtle! Enjoy a 20 min. video revealing all the secrets of this ancient reptile.	1 pm	VC
Eastern Hellbender "Snot Otter"	Presentation by John Groves, NC Zoo reptiles and Amphibian Curator, introduction to this special New River Resident. This giant salamander can grow to be 2 feet long and live to be 30 years old. It is in decline due to many possibilities. Know what you can do to Help secure its survival?	1:20 pm	VC
Activities:	Description	Time	Location
Create your own Snot Otter Puppet	<i>Snot Otters have special adaptations to be able to live in cool, clear mountain rivers. Create your own and take it to the parade. Give it eyes, toes, a smile, frills and its own coloration.</i>	10 am-2 pm	VC
Tube Rides	<i>Enjoy the river with a splay! Or a lazy float for a 300yrd tube ride.</i>	11 am-2 pm	PCG
Poetry Reading	Winners of the New River Poetry Contest Read their original poems.	2 pm	VC
Prize Drawings	Participants of Nature programs may enter raffle drawings to win different prizes. Prize list is available at VC. Winners posted at VC	2 pm	VC
Kid's Jello Eating Contest	Hey Kids! How many Jello turtles can you eat? Test your skills and win a prize.	12:30 pm	VC
Snack Sales	Ashe County Worship Center Youth will provide Cold soft drinks, Hotdogs, Nachos with Cheese, Sweets and more....	11 am-2 pm	VC
Environmental Costume Parade	<i>The celebration caps off with a Public Parade. Join in on the fun wearing a costume representing different but connected parts of an aquatic ecosystem. Costumes provided by Elkland Art Center. Bring your Snot Otter puppet Grand Finale'</i>	3 pm	PCG